GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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AMENDMENT IN TELEGRAPH ACT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to make amendment in the Telegraph Act to ensure that the legal provision i s more stringent for grey market operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that the national loss caused by grey market operators in the country since 1998 amounts to Rs 400.00 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The amendment to the Indian Telegraph Act for revising the amount of financial penalties is under consideration.

(c) & (d) The estimated notional loss of more than Rs. 400 crores has been caused to the country, by 267 grey market cases detected till date, since 1998. As per available data, as on date the year- wise breakup is as given below:

Year	Notional Loss (Rupees in Crores)
1998	60
1999	55.92
2000	154.75
2001	126.63
2002	19.08
2003	17.56
2004	30.93
2005	27.57